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Airman Learns Core Values, Life's Lessons in Bathroom at Early Age

Staff Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand
52nd Operations Support Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — When we think about the classrooms in life, I'm sure the bathroom is not at the top of the list, but the bathroom just happens to be where I learned my first core value.

I was taught "Excellence In All We Do" by my father. My father isn't a retired chief. He didn't serve in the Air Force; he wasn't even in the military. But through his daily actions, and his shaving mug, I learned an important life lesson. See, my

father's shaving mug had a motto inscribed on it, "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well."

As a young boy, I would frequently eyeball that shaving mug in hopes of one day putting the lather on my face and sliding the razor across my soon-to-be whiskers. As a boy, I paid little attention to the motto. Now, as a man, I look back and realize that even though I didn't think about the motto, I internalized it as a core value.

I've been guided by that simple, yet powerful

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motto every day of my life. I strive to do my best with every task and take pride in the successful completion of the job.

As Air Force members, we should all feel pride in our jobs. We all have important tasks that are critical to Air Force

mission accomplishment.

We should treat each and every task as mission essential, because the Air Force core value "Excellence In All We Do" doesn't afford us an option of when to give 100 percent. It demands that we give our very best, everyday, in everything we do.

While not everyone has a shaving mug to remind them that "What Is Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well," what we do have is the core value internalized and displayed by the "blue suit" we wear. Our actions and attitudes must represent "Excellence In All We Do" and shine as a beacon of light to the entire world.

Take Time to Reflect and Learn

Brig. Gen. Mark T. Matthews
48th Fighter Wing commander

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England (AFPN) — In 1980 it seemed improbable to me that an actor I remembered most as host of "Death Valley Days" might get elected, much less succeed, as president of the United States. But I and a lot of other Americans were mightily surprised.

What I failed to understand at the time was the importance of not only communicating, but selling, a vision of where you wanted to lead people. I've met a lot of smart folks over the years, but only a few had this rare gift as did our 40th president. How did he do it?

Most importantly, I

think it was his sincerity; his sincerity in the love for his country and the sincerity of the love for his wife. Like every president in my lifetime, he had his detractors as well as his fierce proponents, but only the most cynical of pundits doubted his heartfelt belief in what the United States stood for, his love of the American people and his commitment to the first lady.

Regardless of your own political viewpoints, I think these characteristics are instructive for all of us. As members of the United States Air Force, we define ourselves by our commitment to defend the liberties guaranteed by our Constitution.

But do you project that commitment in the way you comport yourself on a daily basis? Do those

around you see in you that fervor as manifested by your commitment to know your job and do it well? Do they sense your sincerity by the way you treat and talk of those officers and NCOs appointed above you? Do you show yourself as one who holds sacred the values of loyalty and honesty in the way you keep the trust of your spouse and others close to you?

If not, then your words will ring hollow and your actions will be suspect. Your apparent commitment, unmasked by your insincerity, will be seen as nothing more than a superficial facade worn as a means to some self-serving goal.

Don't misunderstand. It's not wrong to use your military service as a way to gain an education, learn a life-long skill, or just as an

opportunity to go out and do something really interesting while you figure out how you want to spend the rest of your life. But while you do this, if you're not equally as committed, as demonstrated by your sincerity, in preparing yourself for what we all took an oath to do — defend liberty, with our lives if necessary — then you will fall short of the standard our citizens, and those who would follow you, expect.

June 11 was a day of national mourning. We had this day to reflect on the life and many achievements of President Ronald Reagan. Most importantly, we had this time for introspection and before us an example of a great American who simply loved his country and its people. "Win one for the Gipper." Learn from him.

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On The Cover...



Senior Airman Jesse Carter, base honor guard member, participated in former President Ronald Reagan's memorial ceremony June 11 at the base flag pole. (Photo by Liz Saucier)

Warren Remembers Commander in Chief



Senior Airman Johnathon Ansley, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, plays taps at the memorial ceremony June 11 at the base flag pole honoring former President Ronald W. Reagan who died June 5 at his home in California.



Capt. Sylvette Ortiz, 319th Missile Squadron, sings the National Anthem at the ceremony June 11 at the base flag pole honoring the former president.



Bugle player Senior Airman Johnathon Ansley, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, pays respect during the ceremony June 11.



The honor guard performs a 21-gun salute at the ceremony to honor former President Ronald Reagan.



Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander, and Col. Evan Hoapili, commander of the 90th Space Wing, salute a wreath at the ceremony to honor the former commander in chief.

Spring and Summer Deliver Baby Antelope

Elizabeth McClain
90th Civil Engineer Squadron

April showers may bring May flowers, but June brings brand new members to Warren in the form of newborn antelope.

With these new family members comes the responsibility of looking out for them. We all need to be reminded of the extreme importance of not disturbing these brand new babies.

It's a common thing this time of the year for us to see one of these cute little babies with their heads tucked down, laying in the grass, wide-eyed and looking very scared with no mother anywhere in sight. Not to worry, doe antelope are extremely good mothers and take good care of their young.

They do, however, have a tendency to leave their newborn for as long as several hours at a time in order to teach their young to lie down and hide from danger. This is a natural occurrence in the life of an antelope fawn. We have no reason to be alarmed for them. Unfortunately, we have a tendency to be extremely concerned when we see the baby with no mother nearby. Without much natural cover to provide out-of-site safety for our fawns, and due to the increased numbers of antelope on base, they are very visible this time of year. They're not very experienced and still very wobbly legged; therefore we all need to drive with extreme caution.



Courtesy photos

This is the season for baby antelope to be born. Watch out for them while driving and don't approach them.



Mothers will leave their fawn alone for several hours a day to teach them to hide. This is a normal behavior.

It is very important we not approach the baby fawns and especially important we don't touch them. The best thing to do is let it alone and observe it from afar. If we do approach it or touch it, we risk the chance of leaving our human scent on or around the baby and this may cause the mother to abandon her fawn.

The fawns grow fast and in just a few short weeks they become more capable of keeping up with their mother, and during the normal wanderings of the day they spend less time trying to hide.

When born, baby antelope weigh from five to nine pounds. In

the wild the greatest losses occur to new fawn during their first few months of life. On Warren, these losses are generally due to predators like coyote, said Ms. Cathy Pesenti, 90th Civil Engineer natural resources manager.

We currently have a population of pronghorn antelope ranging from 250-300, well over the desired numbers. Management plans will reduce this number and create a safer environment for the antelope.

Drive carefully and do not approach or touch our newborn Warren family members.

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Don't Learn Safety by Accident -- An Airman's Story

Airman Holly Lawson
First Term Airman's Center

I want to share a story about my experience in hopes that everyone will heed my warnings and become safer drivers.

In early January of this year, I was driving with my friends on our way to Ft. Collins, Colo., for some shopping. The road conditions were horrible and I was driving 60 mph in a 75 mph zone.

It was snowing and the roads had not been plowed in a while, but I thought I had mastered the roads.

Come on now, a young Arkansas country girl who has never driven in snow all her life "master the roads" of Wyoming? Yeah, right! But nonetheless, as I changed from the left lane into the right lane, the car hit the frozen mid-section of the highway.

My car spun around and we were facing the opposite direction while still sliding. Suddenly, my car hit the highway median and my vehicle rolled four times.

When we finally came to a stop, we were upside down. I was so scared that my friends were dead, then I heard them moving around and getting out. I started crying, saying I was so sorry and asking if everyone was OK. They said, "Yeah, we are fine—now get out!" I could not



Courtesy photo

This is Airman Holly Lawson's car after it was totaled in an accident on Interstate-25. Airman Lawson and her passengers all were wearing their seat belts and credit them for saving their lives.

find my seat belt buckle—yes, we all wore our seatbelts. I finally got out of the car and everyone assured me they were fine.

That's when I got a look at my car and almost went crazy.

It was totaled! The roof was caved in and the glass had busted out. I am so thankful that my friends and I made it through alive. The medics taking care of us said we were very lucky — and we were.

Now it is the summer months. More people are on road trips and going on vacation to have some fun. Although, ice is not a big factor during the summer months, using your seatbelt is. You need it to stay alive.

I would not be here today if it were not for my seatbelt. I am grateful it saved my life.

Remember: "Don't learn safety by accident." It is a big issue and should be taken seriously.

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Airmen to be Tested for HIV Every Two Years

Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn
Public Affairs

A recent change to the HIV testing policy establishing a two-year test cycle for servicemembers took effect June 1 and will be fully implemented within a year.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense Health Affairs established the two-year test frequency, superseding the previous five-year interval, based on recommendation from the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board. The goal of this change is to reduce the incidence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection in servicemembers.

Airmen will preferably be

tested during their Preventative Health Assessment.

Routine interval testing does not preclude HIV screening for other reasons such as testing prior to drug/alcohol treatment or incarceration, occupational exposure, clinical indications, or a member's request.

The most important reason for HIV interval testing is to identify HIV infected personnel to allow for effective medical intervention and preclude overseas deployment. It boils down to the health, fitness and deployability of military forces.

For more information, contact your medical primary care provider.



Photo by 1st Lt. Darrick Lee
Warren's laboratory is responsible for drawing blood from servicemembers for HIV tests.

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Meet Your New Commander -- 90 MXG

Col. Jodie Bliss will take command of the 90th Maintenance Group from Col. John Faulkner Monday. Here's some information you need to know about your new boss.

What is your full name?
Jodie L. Bliss

Where are you from originally?
Ogden, Utah. It's just outside of Hill Air Force Base.

What is your new job description?
I will be the maintenance group commander. I will be responsible for all of the maintenance performed in the field and all the men and women of the 90th Maintenance Group.

Tell us a brief description of job(s) previously held.
I am coming from the Pentagon. There I worked maintenance policies for the ICBMs,

cruise missile and space. I was also the career field manager for the 21M career field (missile maintenance and munitions officers).

What are the last three bases you've come from?
1. Pentagon
2. I was at school at Maxwell (the Army War College)
3. Malmstrom, the commander of the logistics support squadron

How can someone get on your bad side?
The worst thing you can do to me is lie to me.

What's your favorite band/musical group?
Hootie and the Blowfish

Do you have any pets/hobbies/unique interests?
I have a cat named Taz (named after the Tasmanian Devil because he's just like him).
I love music, cooking, eating

and reading. I used to make stained glass and I'd like to get back into that. I like camping, golfing and the outdoors.

What is your advice for young Airmen?
Know and understand your job and do it to the best of your ability. When we first start out we make our own reputations. Work to establish yours because you're in control now. Your reputation will get to your next base and boss before you do.

What do you hope to accomplish at Warren as com-



Courtesy photo
Col. Jodie Bliss is congratulated by Maj. Gen. John Regni at her promotion ceremony to colonel. Colonel Bliss will take command of the 90th Maintenance Group from Col. John Faulkner at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Building 1235 in the Minuteman complex.

mander of the 90 MXG?
The men and women of the 90 MXG have just finished their inspection and came through with big marks. The bar is set high. I'd like to sustain that and raise it higher where we can. I've got big shoes to fill.

Hip-Hop Hoops

The next Midnight Madness Hip-Hop Hoops is scheduled for 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 25 at Freedom Hall. Bring edited CDs and come dressed to play -- locker rooms will be closed. Earn one ATWIND game piece for participating.

Play With a Pro

Come to the Warren Golf Course Saturday and team up with a PGA player. Draw a PGA Tour professional playing in the U.S. Open as your partner. Schedule your own tee time and build your own foursome. The cost

is \$15 for members and \$25 for non members. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

Commanders Calls and ATWIND

Commanders who schedule an ATWIND briefing at their commander's call in June, July, or August earn ATWIND game pieces for all squadron members in attendance. Call Ms. Lorri Welsh at 773-2858.

Wish You Were in Hollywood?

The Warren public affairs office is looking for volunteers to help with video production for the

base. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Darrick Lee at 773-3381.

Landfill Cleanup

Cleanup of Landfills 4 and 7 is scheduled to begin June 28. The landfills are located near Gate 2. Increased truck traffic on Missile Drive is possible as well as delays at Gate 2. For more information, contact Mr. Glen Verplancke at 773-4384.

Book Signing

Retired Navy fighter pilot turned author, Dr. Dick Schaffer will be at the base exchange from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 1 through 3 to sign autograph copies of the final

book in his trilogy, "Loyalty, Betrayal, and other Contact Sports."

Softball Tournament

The deadline for entry into the 4th Annual Ed Forbes Memorial Softball Tournament is fast approaching. Entry must be in by close of business July 2 to play in the July 10 and 11 tournament.

Entry fee is \$125 per team. There will be two new 48 core blue dot balls per team. A home run derby and a skills competition will take place. Prizes are awarded for the first and second place. For more information, contact Master Sgt.

Shawn Roberts at 773-4901 or Tech. Sgt. Timothy Simmons at 773-3007.

MAD Crew

Join the MAD Crew starting at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Basement at the Trail's End. Earn one ATWIND game piece while you're enjoying the music. Cover is free for members and \$3 for non-members.

Story Time

Children's Story Time will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the library. Each person who attends will earn one ATWIND game piece.

Local Artist Inspired by Service at GITMO

1st Lt. Matthew Bates
Public Affairs

“Paint from life” is more than a saying for artists, it’s a deep-rooted belief it’s the only way to paint.

So when deployed for seven months as the deputy chief of public affairs, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, Capt. Warren Neary had a unique opportunity to paint life at the Guantanamo Bay detention facilities, and he made sure he didn’t pass it up.

“Working in public affairs gives me a big-picture perspective, which many people don’t have,” said Captain Neary. “Because of my job, I had access to things that a lot of people don’t get to see. I thought it was important to show the outstanding work there, and I hope my painting does that.”

When Captain Neary returned from his deployment, he put the finishing touches on the painting and contacted the Army Art Museum to see if they would be interested in adding it to their collection.

According to Ms. Renee Klish, Army Art Curator, this was the first painting she had seen that depicts the joint actions of Operation Enduring Freedom.

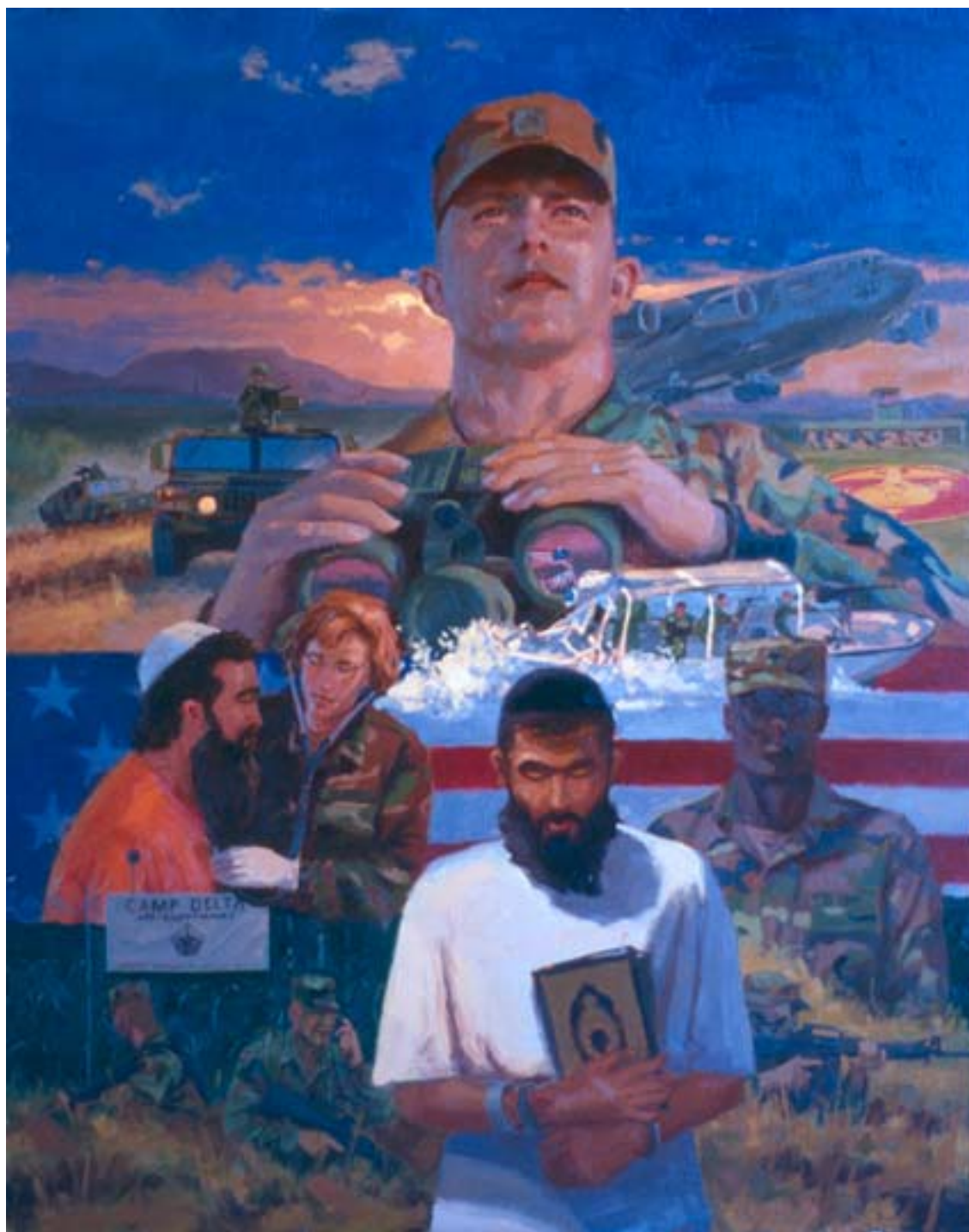
“The imagery was good and really stresses ‘joint’, so I thought it was a good fit in our collection,” she said. “I took it to the approval committee, and it’s now a part of the core collection.”

“I lived this painting my entire tour,” said Captain Neary. “I went on patrols with the Coast Guard and security forces, I interacted with Navy personnel who provided medical attention to the detainees and worked with Marines and the Army who provided internal and external security to the camp.”

It was a tremendous experience to support the mission, telling the story of the detention interrogation process and showing the world that the detainees were being treated humanely,” said Captain Neary. “The information we were gathering was a key part to fighting the War on Terror - it would be a shame to have

left GITMO without doing a painting like that.”

This wasn’t the first time Captain Neary was able to paint while deployed. In a previous deployment to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, he used a portable, compact studio not much larger than the size of a shoebox. When he was there the 320th Air Expeditionary Group commander asked him to paint a picture for Princess Munera Al Saud.



Painted by Capt. Warren Neary while deployed to Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, this painting represents the efforts by the Joint Task Force - Guantanamo. Captain Neary is currently the 90th Space Wing chief of public affairs.

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90th Space Wing

Another of Captain Neary’s earlier paintings depicting the heritage of Whiteman Air Force Base is now a part of the Air Force Art Collection, but he jokes it took a while for it to make it there.

“After I finished that one, the ops group commander noticed the painting hanging in my office,” he said. “After that, it was hanging in his office.”

The Army has a rich history of illustration, and Capt. Neary said he’s proud to represent the Air Force in the Army’s art

collection. The Army collection has more than 15,000 pieces, the earliest dating to the Mexican War in the 1840s, but the majority depicts WWII to the present day.

“Painting is a lost art in the military today with the advent and use of photography and motion pictures,” Captain Neary said. “The ‘I Want You’ recruiting poster by James Montgomery Flagg is still a powerful image. It’s just an amazing privilege to have my work in the same collection.”

Softball Icebreaker Signals Start of the Season



Courtesy Photos
During the Softball Icebreaker tournament on June 5 here, the 90th Communication Squadron took first place beating the 90th Security Forces Squadron.

Warren's Softball Standings	
American	National
OSS: W- 3 L-0	MG: W-2 L-0
SFS B: W-3 L-0	790 A: W-1 L-0
CE A: W-2 L-0	SFS A: W-1 L-0
MXS A: W-2 L-1	MXS B: W-1 L-0
20 AF: W-1 L-2	SVS: W-2 L-1
790 B: W-1 L-2	CE B: W-1 L-2
MSFS 7: W-1 L-4	MSFS: 10: W-0 L-1
CACS: W-0 L-2	COMM: W-0 L-2
LRS: W-0 L-2	319/320: W-0 L-2
MSFS 8: W-0 L-0	321/400: W-0 L-0





U.S. AIR FORCE BRIEFS

Suspect Arrested in Sergeant's Murder

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Officials arrested a suspect in the murder of Master Sgt. Gloria Ponder on Sunday. Sergeant Ponder was found dead in her on-base home June 8. She was assigned to Air Combat Command's chapel at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The suspect was apprehended by security forces Airmen at the base exchange on Luke AFB, Ariz. He was unarmed, offered no resistance and was taken into custody without incident. He was turned over to local FBI agents.

E-8 Promotion Testing Cycle Window Changes

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — All master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will now take the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination test between Dec. 6 and 17. The testing cycle will no longer be in January.

Air Force officials said ongoing air and space expeditionary force deployments supporting the war on terror have dramatically reduced the number of eligible Airmen available to test during the current testing window.

Preparing Airmen for Duty in Iraq

James Coburn

37th Training Wing Public
Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Air Education and Training Command leaders saw the need for the Basic Combat Convoy Course for Airmen during a visit to Iraq in March, and 37th Training Wing experts here assembled the course in record time.

The first platoon of Airmen began the course June 7, training to relieve transportation Airmen currently in Iraq, said Master Sgt. Phil Coolberth, operations superintendent of the 342nd Training Squadron. He designed the three-week course and is its top enlisted leader.

A second platoon began its first week of training June 14. The goal is to have multiple three-platoon truck companies trained over a 13-week period, officials said.

The seven-days-a-week training actually lasts five weeks here. The Airmen get about two weeks of integration and on-ward-movement training as they go through the course, Sergeant Coolberth said.

Forty-one subject-matter experts from here, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Altus AFB, Okla.; and Air Force medical detachments nationwide serve as instructors. They are scheduled to work seven days a week, 18 hours a day during the course, said 1st Lt. Leo Martin, course commander from the 342nd TRS. The instructors will return to their regular jobs afterward.

"But it's not about us," Sergeant Coolberth said. He said the true heroes are the current battlefield Airmen who are supporting Soldiers as they drive trucks and man .50-caliber machine guns and M-249 automatic weapons mounted on either 5-ton cargo trucks or Humvees to run supply convoys "down mean streets, highways and byways of Iraq."

"We are honored to even be considered to provide combat training for them," Sergeant



Photo by James Coburn

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Staff Sgt. Scott Grant (right) teaches Senior Airman Jeffery Salonga to use an M-4 carbine during a Basic Combat Convoy Course here. Sergeant Grant was helping students sight in the "red dot" aiming optics of their new rifles. He is a course instructor and is assigned to the 342nd Training Squadron.

Coolberth said.

Gen. Donald G. Cook, AETC commander, and Maj. Gen. John F. Regni, 2nd Air Force commander, went to Iraq and "visited with these Air Force truck companies," Sergeant Coolberth said. "They identified the need to train (transportation) battlefield Airmen, and they thought there was no better place to do that than where battlefield Airmen are trained, and that's here at Lackland."

Before the course began here, transportation Airmen went through basic convoy training at several Army posts, then additional training in Kuwait, Sergeant Coolberth said. Airmen completing the course here also will receive advanced training in Kuwait.

The first week of the course is here, where the Airmen receive intelligence briefings and live-fire training on the M-4 carbine, Lieutenant Martin said. They also receive combat simulator training and some initial vehicle training before going to nearby Camp Bullis for two weeks of weapons tactics and maneuver training.

Instruction includes multiple weapons systems and qualifications, specific Army communications systems, Global Positioning System navigation tools, combat lifesaver skills,

tactical-vehicle qualifications and heavy emphasis in small unit leadership and troop-leading procedures. All aspects of the training are encased in combat convoy operations.

"If there are people out there searching for the perfect battlefield Airman, it doesn't necessarily have to be a special operator on a horse calling in a B-52 [Stratofortress] strike," said Sergeant Coolberth, who just returned from a month-long trip to Iraq along with two other instructors. "(The transportation Airmen) are involved in combat every single day, and they were former dispatchers and shuttle bus drivers on any Air Force base you can name."

Sergeant Coolberth, who went on two convoys without incident, said the Airmen have traveled "well over a quarter-million miles on the road" without an Airman being killed in action.

"I met two (injured troops) over there who are recovering and waiting to get back on the road, and they are Airmen," he said. "They make no bones about it. They're proud of being in the Air Force, and they're prouder executing that combat capability."

"(The Airmen) are extremely disciplined with focused awareness," he said. "These are combat-hardened troops who have a rough job."

From Cornfields to Korea - NCOIC Tells All

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey sat down with Tech. Sgt. Traci Oaks, 90th Medical Support Squadron NCOIC of the clinical laboratory, to talk about growing up in farm country and how she just knew a career in the Air Force was right for her.

Describe your job.

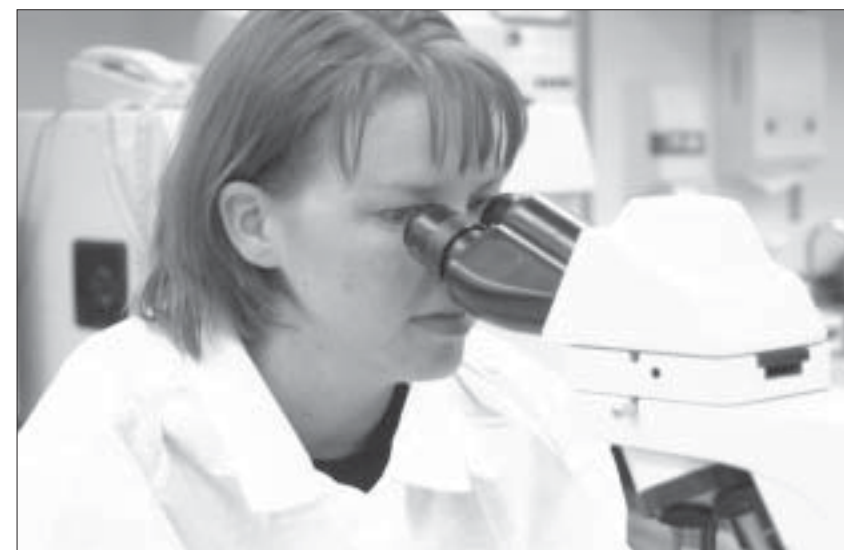
As a lab technician my job is to collect and receive specimens for patients. I test them and get the results back to the doctor quickly so the patient can be treated.

As the NCOIC, my job is to teach and guide Airmen so they can progress as lab technicians and in their military career.

What is your favorite part?

My patients. After being here for four years you get to know them. There are regulars who come in who become friends.

How long have you been in?



I've been in the Air Force for 12 and-a-half years. I've been at Warren for four.

Where else have you been?

I was at Lackland for three and-a-half years, Yokota, Japan, for three years and Osan, Korea, for one year.

What did you do before you joined?

I joined right out of high school. I had a 1,000- paper, paper route. It gave me spending money for the weekends.

Why did you enlist?

I always knew I was going to. I didn't have any money for college. I joined for travel and education.

Have you pursued education while you've been in?

Yes. I've completed my CCAF degree and I am pursuing a biology degree.

Are you planning on retiring from the Air Force?

I knew my first day of basic training that I was going to make it a career. So yes, I will retire.

Where are you originally from?

Albion, Iowa. It's a little farm town smack dab in the middle of Iowa. It was a cool place to live.

What do you miss most about it?

I miss the good steaks and being at home with my family.

Tell me about your family.

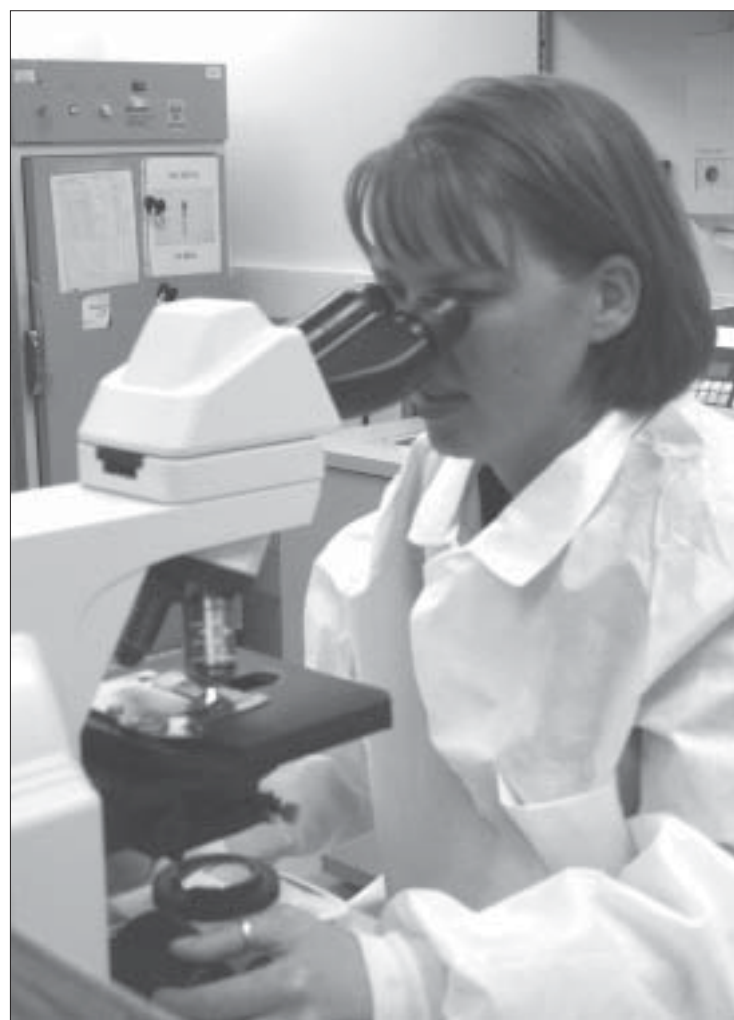
I have one brother. He and my dad work together at the farm. I have two nieces who are 4 and 6. They are fantastic little girls. I call them my baby angels. My mom works in the hospital as an ultrasound technician.

Who is your hero?

My mom and my dad; my mother especially is my hero. She started out as a receptionist in her department and through self-study she has become second in command. She has become a successful woman.

What's the last movie you saw in the theater?

"Mean Girls"



If you could have dinner delivered to you from anywhere in the world tonight, what would it be and from where?

It would be a 16-ounce T-bone steak from "That Place Around the Corner" in Iowa. It's in the middle of a cornfield.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Everything. I wanted to be an astronaut, a truck driver, a fighter pilot and a rancher. I wanted to be everything.

What would you do with a time machine?

I would go back and hang out with my grandparents when they were young.

What's the best show on TV?

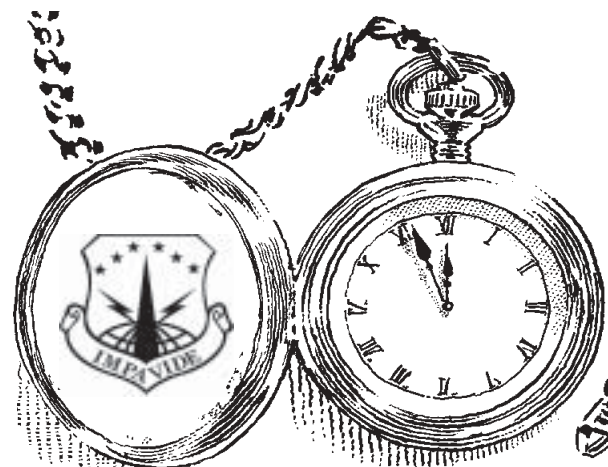
CSI. Greg is my favorite character because he's a lab tech.

If you could switch jobs on base with anyone for a day, who would it be?

I'd like to experience what it would be like to be a shirt, any shirt.

What's your life's motto?

Work hard and play hard.
There's no walking in softball.



Flag has Been Powerful Symbol, Rallying Point

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — It was not all that long ago that everyone seemed to be flying an American flag.

In the days and weeks after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, American flags sprouted from everywhere.

At the World Trade Center site, New York firemen hoisted an American flag amid the rubble. At the Pentagon, workers paused and saluted as a huge garrison flag was draped next to the impact point.

Flags sprouted on minivans and motorcycles. People raised flags on new flagpoles on front lawns and atop apartment buildings. It seemed that every overpass on interstate highways had a flag, and this does not count the millions of decals, rub-ons and bumper stickers that featured the flag.

That was the latest manifestation of the flag of the United States of America as a symbol for all that the country stands for.

It seems in time of crisis, the flag is a rallying point.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the U.S. flag and detailed the composition. Originally, it was literally a rallying point for the troops of the Continental Army. In battle, the unit flag was the center of mass, and from the area around the flag commanders gave orders and rallied troops.

The flag as a symbol of America grew out of the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key was so inspired by the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry on Sept. 12, 1814, that he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner."

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there."

These words inspire Americans today, and when U.S. citizens see the flag, they are reminded that America is still "the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

The American flag has become more than just a red, white and blue design. It has become a symbol of what America stands for. America reunited under the flag following the Civil War. The American flag flew at the Marne



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott M. Ash

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Americans are reminded of those who have died for the freedom the American flag represents as they celebrated Flag Day on Monday.

in World War I and at Iwo Jima during World War II.

The American flag flew at Porkchop Hill in Korea and Hamburger Hill in Vietnam. It has flown over Grenada, Kuwait, Kabul and Baghdad. It covers the caskets of the fallen as they come home. And just recently, it adorned the coffin of former President Ronald Reagan, who in life created new respect for the stars and stripes.

The United States is more

than just land fortunately located in North America. The United States is a republic, and Americans do not swear fealty to royalty or land or nobility. Rather, Americans swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and the American flag is a symbol of that oath.

Americans are reminded of that oath and those who have died for the freedom the American flag represents as they celebrated Flag Day on Monday.

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"His leadership during the Cold War."
-- Airman 1st Class Demichah Rumph, 90 MMXS



"His courage for dealing with the Soviet Union the way he did."
-- Airman Leslie Hernandez, 90 MDOS



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